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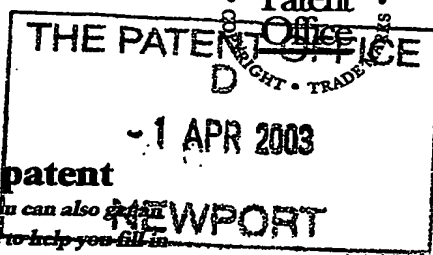
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Workpiece cooling during grinding

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Title: Workpiece cooling during grinding

Field of invention

This invention concerns methods and apparatus for grinding, especially grinding the edges of glass plates, and in particular cooling the glass and grinding wheel during the grinding process.

Background to the invention

It is known to use water based liquids or coolants during grinding, but such liquids have a disadvantage in that the water has been found to mark the glass surface which can be difficult to remove.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a method of cooling and a coolant and apparatus for delivering same, which will not mark the glass.

Summary of the invention

According to one aspect of the invention there is provided a method of cooling during grinding in which liquid nitrogen is applied to the contact region between wheel and workpiece.

According to another aspect of the invention there is provided apparatus for supplying liquid nitrogen as a coolant for carrying away heat during the grinding of a rotating workpiece by a rotating grinding wheel.

The invention is of particular application to the grinding of the edge of a glass workpiece in which the liquid nitrogen is directed towards the edge of the glass or the wheel or into the nip between the rotating workpiece and the rotating grinding wheel.

The invention also lies in a grinding machine when fitted with such apparatus.

Thus a grinding machine embodying the invention includes a workpiece support, drive means for rotating the support, a grinding wheel and drive means therefor, and apparatus for carrying away heat during the grinding of the workpiece by the grinding wheel when engaged therewith, the apparatus comprising a source of liquid nitrogen under pressure, valve means for controlling the supply of liquid nitrogen therefrom to nozzle means, and support means adapted to adjustably support the nozzle means in the vicinity of the grinding wheel so as to direct liquid nitrogen towards the point of contact between the wheel and a workpiece when the valve means is opened.

Preferably the grinding machine is computer controlled and the control system is programmed to deliver liquid nitrogen coolant to the nozzle when the wheel is rotating and is in grinding contact with the workpiece, and to stop the delivery of the coolant after grinding is completed.

The valve means may include pressure reducing means.

The source may be a pressure vessel and pressure sensing means may be provided for generating a warning signal if the pressure in the vessel drops below a predetermined pressure, which is preferably selected such that there is sufficient liquid nitrogen remaining in the vessel at that pressure, as to ensure that the grinding of a workpiece can be completed before the source is exhausted, and an interlock may be provided to prevent resumption of grinding unless the source is replaced or replenished.

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